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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director for Research and Reports

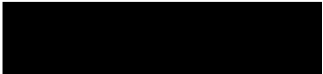
FROM: Chief, Economic Research, ORR

SUBJECT: Comments on Proposed Organization of the Intelligence Component of the CIA Force

REFERENCE: Memo from the Assistant to DD/I (Planning), same subject, dated 19 May 1958

1. The proposed table of organization provides for a total of 79 persons, including a majority of officers. Well over half of the officers would be of field grade. I have the impression that the T/O seems rather large in numbers and top-heavy in rank. It is, however, difficult to comment on this point, since the size of the CIA force and the details of its operation are not given.
2. The intelligence component is organized with a fairly high degree of specialization, i.e., numerous individual teams, which together cover almost the entire spectrum of intelligence activity. It may be reasonably asked whether the nature of the duties to be performed warrant the distinction between a research and analysis team headed by an economist and a research and analysis team headed by a geographer, whose composition is otherwise the same.
3. In the same vein, a distinction is made between current intelligence teams and research and analysis teams, apparently corresponding roughly to the distinction between OCI and ORR. I wonder whether this kind of distinction has real relevance in this situation.
4. The proposed organization seems to apply to a war short of all-out nuclear war among the great powers. It is doubtful that it would have relevance to such an all-out war.

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